Travel by aircrafts of Security Forces

†3401. SHRI JAI PARKASH AGGARWAL: Will the Minister of HOME AFFAIRS be pleased to state:

(a) whether including Prime Minister, some former Cabinet Minister have travelled abroad by aircrafts of Central Forces, especially Border Security Force during the period 1st January, 2000 to 31st March, 2004;

(b) if so, the details thereof with types of different aircraft used by them;

(c) whether some of the air travel made by them, was for purposes other than official too; and

(d) if so, the details thereof and the amount they owe on account of such unofficial travel respectively?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF HOME AFFAIRS (SHRI SHRIPRAKASH JAISWAL): (a) No sir.

(b) to (d) Do not arise.

Functioning of Foreigners Registration Offices

3402. SHRI S.M. LALJAN BASHA: Will the Minister of HOME AFFAIRS be pleased to state:

(a) what are the steps being taken to make the Foreigners Registration Offices more efficient and transparent in their functioning;

(b) whether Government have noted recent reports of deportations and sudden expulsions of artists etc.;

(c) whether Government would review the present system and put in place transparent procedures to deal with honest mistake etc.;

(d) what are the proposed changes which will ensure a transparent foreigner registration in all cities;

(e) whether distinctions will be drawn between sensitive cases and routine cases; and

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(f) the steps proposed to bring about changes in this matter pertaining to foreigners registration keeping in view the security aspect also?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF HOME AFFAIRS (SHRI SHRIPRAKASH JAISWAL): (a) Foreigners Regional Registration Offices (FRROs) situated in Delhi, Mumbai, Chennai, Kolkata and Amritsar, which function under Bureau of Immigration (BoI), have been computerized and their staff are made fully acquainted with the visa procedures. These five offices cater to requirements of majority of foreigners vistiting our country.

As regards others, States/UTs, who have been delegated powers for visa related services, are advised by Central Government to sensitize Foreigners Registration Officers (FROs), who are Superientendent of Police of concerned district/officer designated in Police Commissionerates, to deal with foreigners' matters expeditiously.

(b) Deportation of foreigners coming to adverse notice is a part of regular process under the Foreigners Act, 1946. There is no distinction on the basis of profession in such matters.

(c) to (f) There cannot be two sets of rules/yardsticks to deal with sensitive and routine cases. All cases are dealt with on merit within the framework of relevant provisions under the Act/Rules/Guidelines. Moreover, streamlining of visa procedures is a continuous process, which is done keeping in view the security concerns.

Assistance to Punjab under BADP

3403. DR. VIJAY MALLYA:
SHRI DHARAM PAL SABHARWAL:

Will the Minister of HOME AFFAIRS be pleased to state:

(a) the amount given to Punjab Government as speical Central assistance/additional Central assistance by Government of India under Border Area Development Programme for providing better infrastructure, health and education facilities and development of social sector of 17 blocks, abutting the international border in the districts of Amritsar, Ferozepur and Gurdaspur, Punjab during the last three years;